

House Resolution No. 32

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pride in recognizing the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) as the state's premier public music school for higher education and professional training with a program of study which is open to individuals ranging from children three years of age or older to adults who are pursuing a doctoral degree; and

Whereas, following a stellar path of community involvement and integration, UMKC's Conservatory of Music was first known as the Horner Institute of Fine Arts, subsequently integrated with the Kansas City Conservatory of Music, and then became one of the Colleges of the private University of Kansas City in 1959 before that illustrious campus joined with the University of Missouri system in 1963 to become a public entity without the need for private school fees which had limited growth and diversity; and

Whereas, the UMKC Conservatory of Music has enjoyed an exceptional history of astute leadership, including that of Dean John Thompson whose ever-popular graded piano study books have been used by generations of students throughout the world; and

Whereas, known as a place for the ambitious professional as well as the ardent amateur, the UMKC Conservatory of Music is currently home to the Charles Ives Living Award recipient Chen Yi, a teacher of composition; Metropolitan Opera National Finals winner Todd Wilander, a tenor graduate student in voice and a Kansas City Lyric Opera apprentice; and doctoral student Stanislav Ioudenitch, Gold Medal winner of the Eleventh International Van Cliburn Piano Competition; and

Whereas, under the watchful eyes of Chancellor Martha Gilliland and Dean Randall Pembroke, the UMKC Conservatory of Music strives to ensure the success of the Missouri Chairs and Professorships program which matches private monies with state funds to attract exceptional teaching and research talent:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the impressive legacy of artistic research, training, and performance accrued by the UMKC Conservatory of Music and to convey to all of those administrators, teachers, and students in attendance in the state capitol rotunda on February 13, 2002, this legislative body's warmest welcome and our best wishes for continued success for many more years into the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

Offered by _____
Representative Marsha Campbell
District No. 39

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 32, adopted January 15, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

